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Case CM-17643

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In the Application of
CHRISTOFER FUCHS ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/674,691
Filed: November 3, 2000
For: DISCONTINUOUSLY EXPANDABLE WEB MATERIALS
Confirmation No.: 3267
Group Art Unit: 1771
Examiner J. R. Pierce

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following. Filed concurrently with this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for an extension of one month.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants' Agent wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the above-identified Application. Claims 1-15 are pending in the Application, Claim 15 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-14 have been rejected.

This response fully addresses each and every issue raised in the Office Action dated September 11, 2002. A detailed discussion of each issue is provided in the sections, which follow.

In the Claims

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:
(Amended) A web material having

a longitudinal dimension and a transverse dimension substantially smaller than said longitudinal dimension